

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in recognizing those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements as high school students; and

Whereas, Amber Van Haitsma of Reeds Spring, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a senior at Reeds Spring High School where she will graduate as valedictorian of the Class of 2007; and

Whereas, Amber Van Haitsma recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was one of only ten students selected as Academic All-Stars First Team members in the Springfield News-Leader's 20th Academic All-Star Team competition; and

Whereas, Amber Van Haitsma developed and maintained an excellent reputation as the Student Council sophomore class representative, the junior class president, the senior class president, a National Honor Society member and president, and a visitor to the country of Nicaragua, where realized that her life would be fulfilled only through working in the field of healthcare to meet the needs of others; and

Whereas, Amber Van Haitsma plans to continue her education at the University of Arkansas to obtain a Bachelor's degree in nursing and a Master's degree in anesthesiology; and

Whereas, judges for the 20th Academic All-Star Team competition included Marci Bowling, director of marketing and development for the Developmental Center of the Reeds Springs; Kay Holcumbrink, who works with gifted students in the Springfield Public School's Bridges program; Steve Ingalsbe, Pipkin mathematics teacher and the 2006 Springfield Teacher of the Year; Samuel Knox, editor of Unite of southwest Missouri, Michelle West, communications manager of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Karen Culp, writer for Reeds Springs Signature and Reeds Springs Spaces; and Brent Lawrence, Parent and Family editor for the News-Leader and chair of the Academic All-Stars Steering Committee:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Amber Van Haitsma for the Springfield News-Leader Academic All-Star First Team and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Amber Van Haitsma of Reeds Spring, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Dennis Wood
District No. 62

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker